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Remarks

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-94 are pending in the application. Claims 1-94 are subject to a restriction requirement.

II. Restriction Requirement

The December 12, 2005 Office Action asserted that pending claims 1-94 contain three distinct inventions, and defined three groups of claims drawn to the three respective inventions.

The Office Action further required an election of one of the three defined groups.

In response, the applicants elect Group II (claims 7-21 and 54-68) for examination purposes.

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